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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of July 1, 2005 (Paper No. 10), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 1, 2005, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on August 8, 2005.

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